

# 1-414 -A Site Summary- Rockport Bay and Cottaneva Creek

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County: **Mendocino**  
USGS Quad: **Westport**

Thomas Guide Location  
CA Road Atlas  
NOAA Chart: **18620**

Latitude N  
39 50'  
Longitude W  
123 49' 30"

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## SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the tidal estuary at the mouth of Cottaneva Creek. The site is owned by Mendocino Redwood Company. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Mixed sand and gravel beach. Minor wetland.

## SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Minor freshwater marsh.

California brown pelican (04-11). Seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl.

Surfsmelt and Nightsmelt spawning area (04-08)

Red abalone

### CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 653-4082 and State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or Ms. Leigh Jordan, Coordinator of the Northwest Information Center (707) 588-8455.

### KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
E	John Andersen	Mendocino Redwood Company	(707) 962-2820
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171

### ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

For further information about coastal access in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Commission's California Coastal Access Guide. For photos of the coastline in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Records Project ([www.californiacoastline.org](http://www.californiacoastline.org)).

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## CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

The rugged coastline will prevent on shore response over most of this area. Off site measures including dispersants should be considered when a spill threatens to impact this area. Overflights should be careful to maintain flight path and altitude clearance distances that are large enough to prevent the flushing of birds and marine mammals from their nests, roosts, and haul outs sanctuaries on the offshore rocks in this area.

## HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

## SITE STRATEGIES

This site is best protected by preventing the oil from arriving here, when possible. Off site response options including dispersants should be considered.

## Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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## LOGISTICS

### DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Take U.S. hwy 101 to state route 1 at Leggett. Go south on state route 1. Exit at private road in Rockport M.P. 87.82. Site is through a locked gate and appx. 0.6 miles down a 1 lane dirt road. Follow road to left to grassy field (100 yards by 150 yards). This area is accessible to large equipment. This site includes the tidal estuary at the mouth of Cottaneva Creek. The site is owned by Mendocino Redwood Company. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

**LAND ACCESS:** Locked Gates. Contact Mendocino Redwood Company.

**WATER LOGISTICS:** No launching facilities.

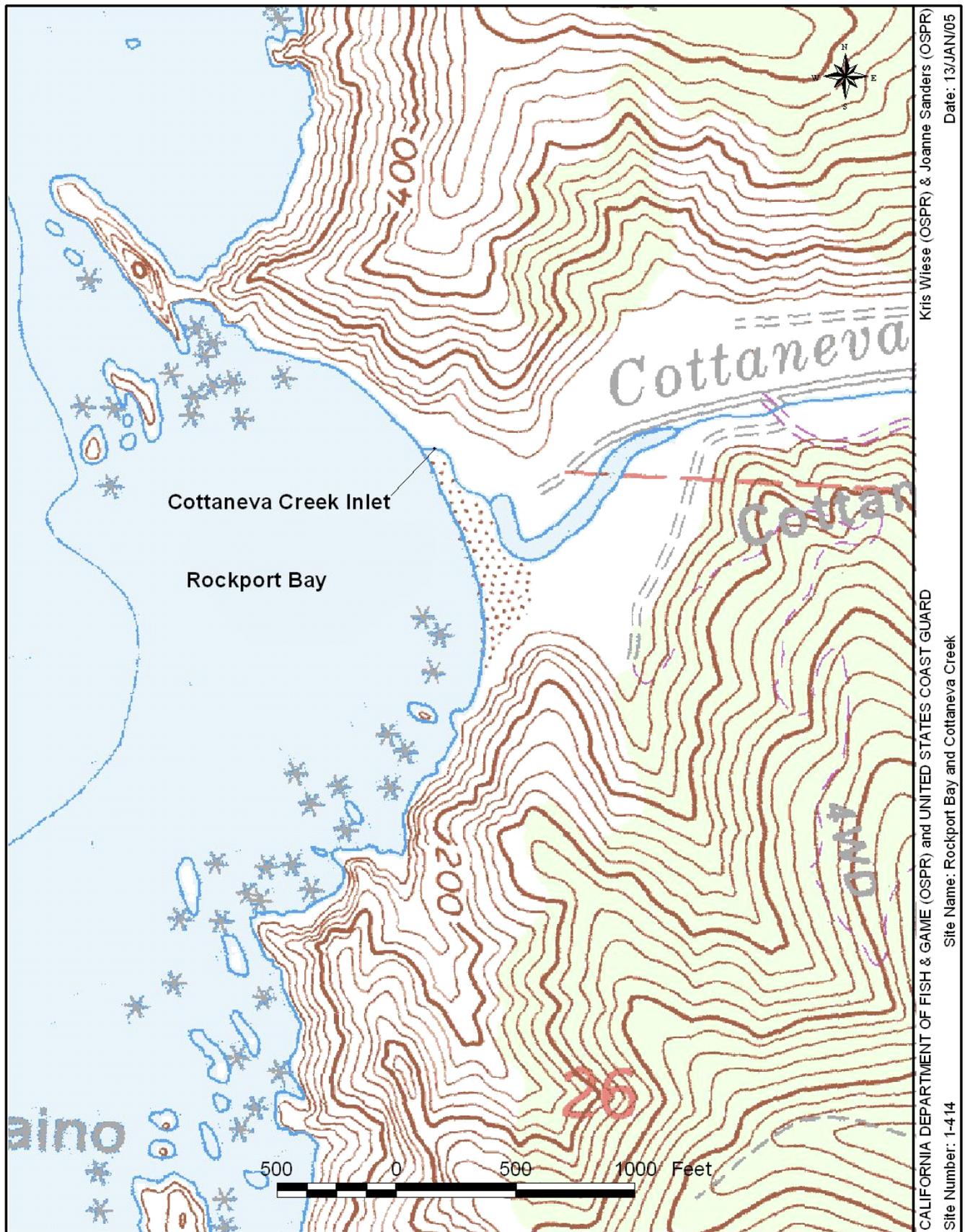
Limitations: depth, obstruction  
Launching, Loading, Docking  
and Services Available:

### FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

Grassy field (100 x 150 yds.) on property suitable for local response staging only. No utilities or facilities.

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:** Remote, limited communications

**ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**



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Date: 13/JAN/05

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME (OSPR) and UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
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| Harbor / Curtain Boom | Sorbent boom       | SSS - Shoreside Skimming System   |
| Swamp / River Boom    | Berm, Dam, or Dike | SFS - Stationary Floating Skimmer |
| all other boom types  | Filter fence       | SPS - Self Propelled Skimmer      |
|                       | Boom tow           | TSA - Towed Skimming Array        |